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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY DETENTION OF ALEKSANDR SLEPAK AT K-7
EMBASSY HOUSING

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1. ALEKSANDR SLEPAK, SON OF PROMINENT JEWISH ACTIVIST VLADIMIR SLEPAK AND FIANCÉE OF AMCIT ELAINE BURRELL (REFTELS), WAS DETAINED BY MILITIA APRIL 9 WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER KUTUZOVSKIY 7 HOUSING AREA. SLEPAK LATER TELEPHONED MS. BURRELL TO INFORM HER THAT MILITIA HAD TAKEN HIM BY CAR TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOSCOW AND RELEASED HIM.

2. SLEPAK WAS DETAINED AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 PM WHILE ENTERING K-7 HOUSING AREA ACCOMPANIED BY MS. BURRELL WHO LIVES IN THAT HOUSING AREA WITH FAMILY OF ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE COMMANDER PAUL LASKO. ACCORDING TO MS. BURRELL, SLEPAK HAS VISITED HER AT K-7 ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WITHOUT INCIDENT. DURING APRIL 9 VISIT, SLEPAK HAD REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO TALK INFORMALLY WITH CONSOFF, WHO ALSO RESIDES AT K-7, ABOUT THE PLANNED BURRELL/SLEPAK MARRIAGE. MS. BURRELL TOLD CONSOFF THAT SLEPAK IS WORREID HE WILL BE DRAFTED BEFORE THE MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE.

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WM AFTER SLEPAK WAS DETAINED AT THE K-7 ENTRANCE, CONSOFF AND COMMANDER LASKO WENT TO MILIA BOX TO STATE THAT SLEPAK HAD COME BY INVITATION AND TO REQUEST THAT HE BE RELEASED. MILITIA GUARD REPLIED THAT SLEPAK WAS DETAINED BECAUSE THE POLICE WERE LOOK-
ING FOR (RAZISKIVAET) HIM. INTERROGATION OF SLEPAK LASTED APP-
ROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES WHILE MS. BURRELL AND CONSOFF WAITED OUT-
SIDE K-7 MILITIA STATION. SLEPAK THEN EMERGED ACCOMPANIED BY TWO

UNIFORMED GOONS WHO HUSTLED HIM INTO A WAITING VOLGA. CONSOFF AGAIN STATED THAT SLEPAK HAD COME BY INVITATION AND REQUESTED TO KNOW WHERE HE WAS BEING TAKEN. MILIA THEN ASKED FOR CONSOFF'S DIPLOMATIC CARD, AND, AFTER LOOKING AT IT, STATED "I REQUEST THAT YOU NOT INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS." VOLGA THEN PULLED AWAY CARRYING SLEPAK AND TWO MILITIA GUARDS.

3. SINCE SLEPAK WAS QUICKLY RELEASED, THE FIANCES WILL PROBABLY NOT CONTACT WESTERN PRESS ABOUT THE INCIDENT. WHILE SLEPAK WAS STILL BEING DETAINED, MS. BURRELL TOLD CONSOFF THAT THE COUPLE HAD DECIDED NOT TO SEEK PUBLICITY PRIOR TO THE WEDDING, WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 31. HOWEVER, THERE DECISION NOT TO INVOLVE THE PRESS IS LIKELY TO BE RECONSIDERED IF AUTHORITIES STEP UP THEIR HARASSMENT OF ALEKSANDR SLEPAK.
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